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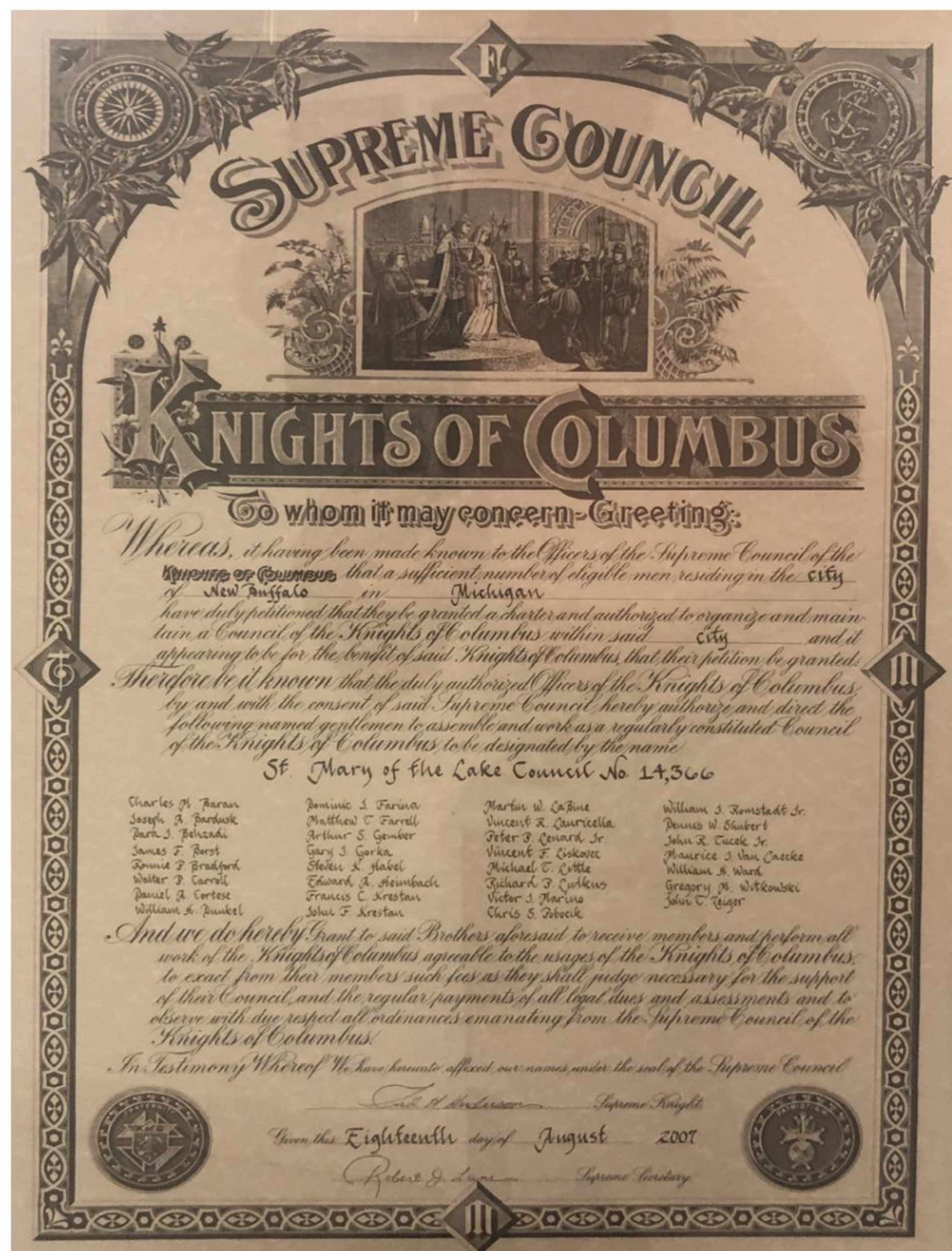
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St. Mary's Knights of Columbus celebrates milestone

Recently, members of the St. Mary of the Lake Council 14366, celebrated a milestone: its 16th anniversary.

The celebration, which included some of the founding members, took place Friday, Aug. 18, at the New Buffalo Yacht Club..

The Knights of Columbus has four degrees: Charity, Unity, Faith, and Patriotism. The St. Mary's council was

founded Aug. 18, 2007, and supports the community in a variety of ways, such as assisting with the annual Family Festival for St. Mary's; pancake breakfasts, a tootsie roll drive to benefit the disabled and golf outings. All of our proceeds support the events mentioned, as well as charitable organizations, such as the Savior of the World orphanage; HEAL (Home to Enhance African Life); the Caring Network

(which supports single mothers and abused women); Pennies for Priests (which supports retired priests); providing books for CCD Programs; supporting two Harbor Country Food Pantries; Coats for Kids; RSVP Seminarian Programs and Special Olympics of Michigan. One hundred percent of proceeds are always given away.

The KofC is a volunteer organization.

St. Mary's KofC is currently seeking new members. The requirements are to be a Catholic man 18 years of age or older. Meetings are the first Monday of every month in the church basement, which is located at 718 W. Buffalo Street in New Buffalo. Membership is free for the first year. For more information, visit www.kofc.org/join. — STAFF REPORTS

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— Juvenal

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Man charged
with disabling medical
helicopter with rock

BY STAN MADDUX

A man could go to prison for his alleged disabling of a medical helicopter in LaPorte with a rock. Police said an infant with severe injuries had to wait more than one hour for a back-up helicopter to arrive to be transferred to another hospital for more specialized life-saving care.

Duane Lowery, 44, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with level 6 felony criminal mischief, Class A misdemeanor resisting law enforcement and Class B misdemeanor public intoxication.

According to court documents, the Med-flight helicopter from South Bend landed Saturday on a concrete surface outside Franciscan Beacon Hospital at 1010 West Indiana 2.

The infant with life threatening head injuries and medical personnel tending to his needs were inside the helicopter about to take off.

According to court documents, the investigation revealed the LaPorte man approached on a bicycle then picked up a landscaping rock. He walked to the edge of the landing zone and tossed the rock at the helicopter.

La Porte Fire Chief Andy Snyder, whose department was called to help mark the landing zone, said the rock put a dent in one of the spinning propellers.

"The blade itself pretty much turned the rock into dust," he said.

Crew members hearing a "loud bang" and feeling the aircraft shaking aborted the flight.

Another helicopter arrived slightly more than one hour later to transfer the infant to the University of Chicago Hospital, according to court documents.

Police said the mother reported her baby suffered a head injury, which caused his skull to fracture and brain to bleed.

No explanation was provided on how the injuries resulted.

According to court documents, a firefighter ran after Lowery and detained him until the arrival of law enforcement officers.

Police said officers spotted Lowery beside a half empty 24 ounce can of beer and detected alcohol on his breath.

Officers placed the man into a police vehicle but not until after a profanity laced struggle.

The medical helicopter remained outside the hospital for a few days until the damaged propeller was replaced at roughly \$100,000, according to court documents.

Lowery was still being held Wednesday in the LaPorte County Jail on \$755 bond.

SUPPORT GROWING FOR
SEWER SERVICE IN ONCE
THRIVING TOURIST TOWNS

Extending sewer service to Hudson Lake and Saugany Lake, which draw some visitors from Chicago, is closer becoming reality.

The La Porte County Commissioners unanimously supported the proposed project that would extend a sewer line to those communities from Rolling Prairie in the northeast portion of the county Wednesday, Sept. 6

Developer Ken Jones said the estimated cost right now is \$4.5 million.

Jones feels sewer service would open to door to housing redevelopment along with new housing in those communities, which have many residential lots too small to install another septic tank if current septic systems fail.

"I would say that a move by the county to support this project is an investment in that community that is sorely needed. We're talking about a housing redevelopment process that cannot happen without a utility," he said.

Jones said some of the housing growth would likely come from demand generated by the over 1,500 new jobs projected at a new electric vehicle battery making facility planned outside New Carlisle.

La Porte County government is being asked to contribute \$1. 5 million toward the cost of the project.

Final approval is now up to the La Porte County Council.

Commissioner Rich Mrozinski said he believes sewer service would place Hudson Lake on track for a comeback to when it used to be a bustling tourist community several decades ago.

Legend has it that gangster Al Capone used to go to Hudson Lake in the 1920s as a getaway from Chicago to part in illegal gambling and other activities.

"This will bring Hudson Lake back to what it once was many years ago. Many years ago back when Al Capone used to go there for things," Mrozinski said. — STAN MADDUX

Dreams do come true. — Jermell Charlo

Corewell Health breaks ground on new \$4.78 million care center in Bridgman

Leaders and medical staff from Corewell Health gathered Wednesday, Aug. 30, with more than 70 community members and government officials at 9625 Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new 10,000-square-foot Corewell Health Care Center.

Estimated at \$4.78 million, the new building

will be adjacent to the current Corewell Health Southwestern Medical Primary Care building, which averages 18,000 patients annually. When construction of the Care Center is complete in the summer of 2024, the new facility will feature primary care and radiology services, the latest technology, amenities and equipment. It will have almost double the number of exam rooms and self-check-in kiosks for convenience.



“The new Care Center will expand health care services to residents in southern Berrien County and demonstrates Corewell Health’s commitment

to providing exceptional medical care to patients and their families right in their community,” said James Kroeze, D.O., practice chief, Corewell Health

Southwestern Medical Primary Care - Bridgman.

“We are incredibly grateful to have the support of this special community that truly cares for one another and shares our common goal of increasing access to high-quality, state-of-the-art care in the greater Bridgman community,” said Melinda Gruber, Ph.D., vice president, Corewell Health South Medical Group and continuing care. “The project is only possible because our community

trusts us and comes to us for care. We take this trust very seriously.”

Like other Corewell Health facilities, the building design allows for greater provider collaboration, resulting in improved continuity of care and overall patient experience. The facility will allow for additional providers which will result in shorter wait times for patients. — STAFF REPORTS

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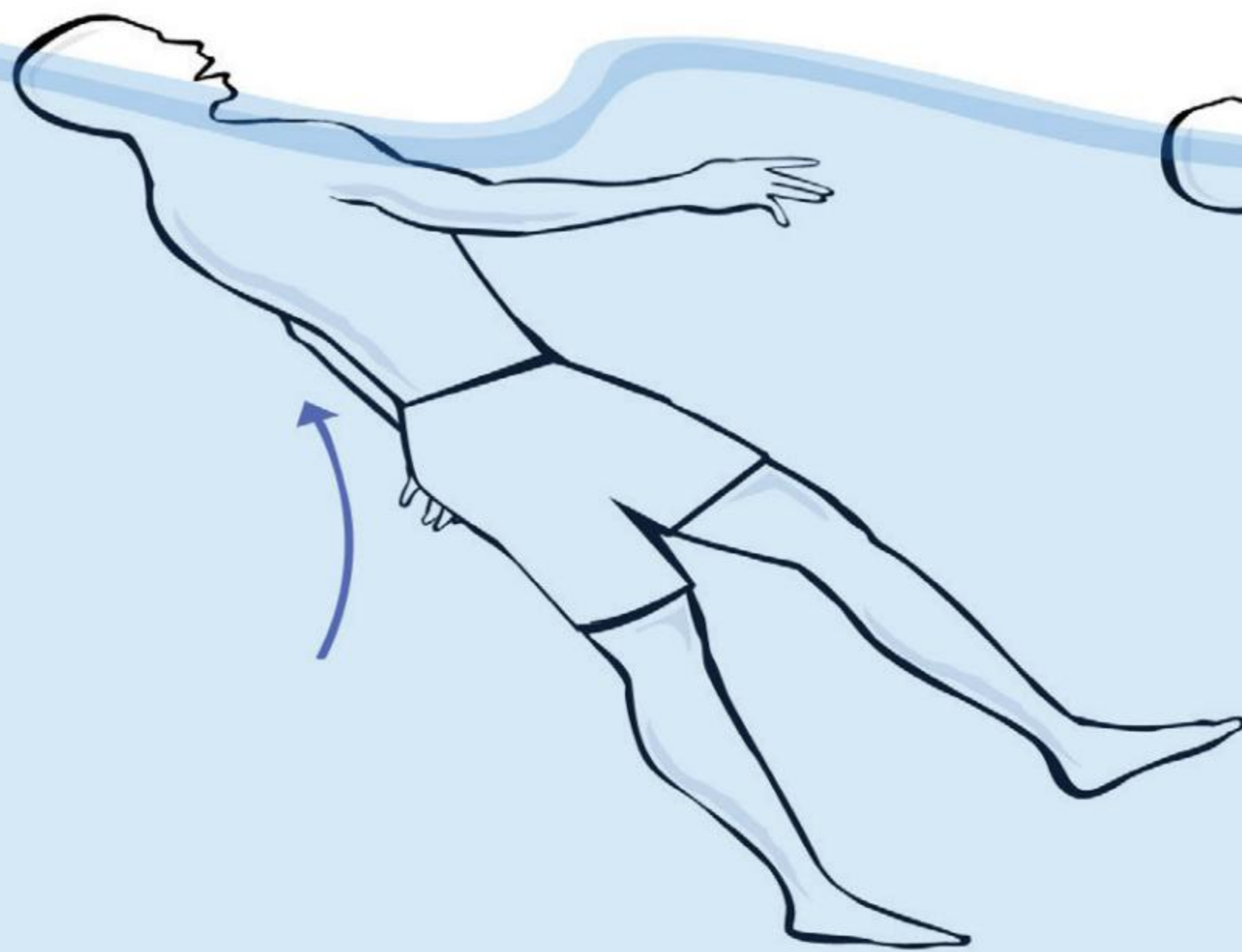
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Raiders again deliver a Gridiron pummeling

BY STAN MADDUX

The Red Arrow Raiders delivered another shellacking in their undefeated start to the season in high school football.

The Raiders (2-0) won 64-14 at Fennville Friday, Aug. 31.

In both games combined, the team comprised of students from New Buffalo and River Valley High Schools have outscored the opposition 138 to 28.

Head coach Matt Johnson said there are not as many inexperienced players as last year when the team lost its first two games before winning six of their last seven contests.

“It’s been a little bit easier to kind of start the season in what I would consider a little more full force,” he said.

Despite the impressive start this year, Johnson said the team still needs to be more consistent on executing plays with more competitive teams on the schedule coming up.

“We’re going to have to be more disciplined,” he said.

The Raiders were led on offense by quarterback Ethan Lijewski, who had 146 yards passing and ran for another 118 yards.

Lijewski also ran for three touchdowns and passed for two scores in the end zone.

Owen Slavens ran for 121 yards on five carries while Ryder

Wolnik gained 90 yards on his four rushing plays.

Wolnik also caught four passes for 81 yards while Payton Lijewski had four catches for 52 yards and one touchdown.

Johnson said having multiple weapons on offense is a major advantage because it doesn’t allow opponents to focus on stopping a single player.

“We got some guys that can move with the ball pretty well,” he said.

The Raiders while gaining close to 500 yards on offense held Fennville to just 149 yards rushing on 43 carries and 28 yards passing on five attempts.

Fennville also turned the ball over seven times.

The defense was led by Wolnik and Lijewski, who each recorded five solo tackles along with multiple assists and tackles for lost yardage.

Defensive lineman Cam Forker had two solo tackles along with three assists and three tackles for lost yardage.

Slavens had four solo tackles and two assists along with a sack and fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Johnson said the first major test for his team could be Friday, Sept. 8, at Marcellus, a team he described as physical.

“We’re going to find out what we’re made of a little bit more,” he said.

SPORTS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

One can never be sure, but I’m hopeful that the curse that followed the Cubs since 1945, when the team removed William Sianis and his pet billy goat from game four of the World Series because the goat smelled so bad, is finally coming to an end.

Most of us thought that when the Cubs won the World Series in 2016 that the curse was lifted, but alas, the six seasons since the curse was supposedly lifted have not been good. Could the curse have returned so quickly?

This season has been different. They started slowly, then picked up steam and have played themselves into a playoff spot. Everything was going well until they blew leads against Cincinnati in the ninth inning two days in a row. All of a sudden, I feared that the curse had indeed returned. Sunday, when it looked like the Cubs were going to lose another close game, a miraculous thing happened. The Cubs scored 10 runs in the final two innings to beat the Reds 15-7 and regain their three game lead for the second wild card spot.

Tonight, as I was thinking about today’s game, it dawned on me. I was wrong all those years I thought that the Cubs were cursed. What I now believe is that the Cubs weren’t very good. When they did have good teams, they tried so hard to end the curse that they put pressure on themselves that they couldn’t possibly handle. Failure was the expected outcome. This season seems different.

First of all, the players are better. Some are

experienced veterans from winning organizations. Some are youngsters

that have been successful every step of the way. Individually, their statistics aren’t overwhelming, but as a team they’re doing great. When one of them fails in a clutch situation, another comes through. When a pitcher has a bad outing, the next seems to come through with a great effort. The entire lineup is contributing as is the pitching staff.

As well as everyone is playing, one everyday player and one pitcher are leading the way. Cody Bellinger has been a godsend. He seems to get a hit whenever the Cubs really need one. He is without a doubt the face of the franchise. I’m not sure if the Cubs will be willing to pay him as much as the other teams to remain with the team, but I really hope they can retain his services for the next few years.

There aren’t many players as good as Bellinger has been this year. The pitcher is Justin Steele. Justin has won fifteen games and only lost three. He is definitely the ace of the staff and probably will be for years. So many others are also big contributors but these two are leading the way. Whether or not the Cubs make the playoffs this year, I’m very happy with the direction they are taking.

Dolly Parton said, “The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!”

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.



*To describe my scarce leisure time in today’s terms, I always default to reading.
— Jimmy Buffett*

Another win for Lady Bison volleyball team

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team racked up another win Wednesday, Sept. 6. The Lady Bison (4-1-2) defeated Grace Christian on the road in three sets 25-15, 25-10 and 25-15.

Offensively, New Buffalo was led by junior Jane Funk.

Funk, a member of the all-conference squad last year, had five kills and six aces while contributing 4 digs on defense.

Senior Ava Johnson had 12 assists and two aces while junior Benita Puskunigis added two kills and three aces to the offensive attack.

Meagan Fatter led all Lady Bison defenders with nine digs followed by Colleen Chlystun with five digs.

Josie Humphrey, Laura Wamser and Elizabeth McDonald had three digs apiece.

Cassidy Saunders contributed three kills and two digs.

Head Coach Bruce Molineaux said the division his team is in will be very competitive again in the Berrien Cass St. Joseph Conference.

However, Molineaux said he has high expectations of a division title for his team of mostly juniors with previous varsity experience as long as they improve at making fewer mistakes in their execution on the floor.

The latest victory comes a week after New Buffalo defeated tough conference rival Michigan Lutheran in five sets.



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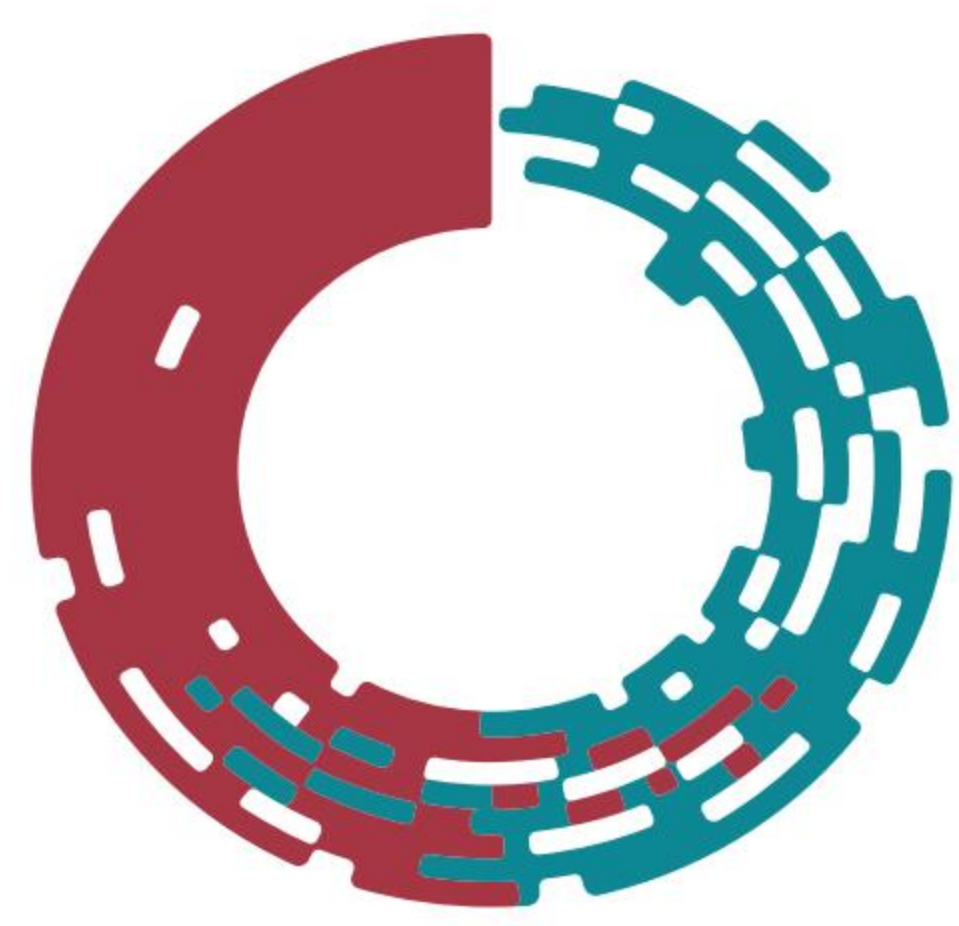
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Dunes Summer Theatre will close season with 'Voices from the Heartland: New Plays in Progress'

Dunes Summer Theatre will close the 2023 season with "Voices from the Heartland: New Plays in Progress" for one weekend only, at 7 p.m. CST Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 2 p.m. CST Sunday. Sept. 14 through 17.

A showcase of staged concert readings by outstanding new and established local northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan writers, "Voices From the Heartland" will feature the best acting talents and will support new playwrights in the area. The cost is \$10 per evening or \$35 for the entire four-night festival. Individual tickets can be purchased on DunesArts.org. Special pricing is available for senior/student tickets and \$25 for group sales (four or more) are available on Eventbrite. The box office opens one hour before the show.

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— **"Donation" by Craig Russell.** A couple faces unexpected consequences from a long-ago contribution.

• FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

— **"The Charisma of Flying Saucers" by Mary Beth Hoerner.** An eerie sighting provokes unanswerable questions in a small community.

• SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

— **"Second Glance" by Zachary Mark**
— Estranged from his father, a young writer returns to his Michigan City home to face the ghosts of his past.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

• **"Alice" by Khyel Roberson**
A contemporary musical retelling of Lewis Carroll's classic tale.

writers," said artistic director Steve Scott. "Ranging from off-the-wall farces to romantic comedies to existential dramas, these works will introduce Dunes' audiences to some eloquent and exciting new voices, revealing the depth of talent that's now at work in northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan."

Additionally, Dune's Summer Theatre will have an autumn fundraiser in support of The Dunes Arts Foundation. "A Taste of Old Hollywood" will take place from 6 -10 p.m. CST Sunday, Oct. 16, at Pottawattomie Country Club, which is located at 1900 Springland Avenue in Michigan City.

For more information or to purchase gala tickets, call 219-879-7509. — **STAFF REPORTS**

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A weekend of steam-powered fun at Hesston Steam Museum

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

All machines big and small came roaring to life during the 67th annual Steam and Power Show, which was held at Hesston Steam Museum Friday through Monday, Sept. 1-3.

Guests could witness the 1900-era sawmill cutting logs into lumber with its 60-inch blade. Nearby was the Electric Light Plant, which was the first power plant to provide power to LaPorte County Courthouse (it produces 60KW of DC current). In the afternoon, visitors could watch the “Parade of Power,” during which John Deeres, Farmall tractors and other engines made their way down the museum’s main drag.

Children could help make flour when the threshing machine harvested wheat for the upcoming harvest and they separated the inedible part of the plant – the chaff – from the oat with the help of the steam traction engine.

For the first time since the 2023 season started in May, the 67-ton Shay logging locomotive was in

operation. Hesston General Manager Ted Rita said that museum volunteers annually do inspections and “keep track of things on each of our locomotives.”

“We determine a scope of work every single year - not only our restorations but also on maintaining our operating equipment,” he said.

Rita said the volunteers felt the Shay’s smoke stack, which was probably put there in 1930, was found to be thin and needed a replacement section in it and that it was removed.

Ramsey’s Sheet Metal from La Porte rolled the museum a new ring and welded it. Volunteers drilled and installed it and lifted it with a big crane back on the locomotive.

The Shay was built for a logging railroad and was delivered to New Mexico Lumber Company in 1929. There, it stood for a year before being repossessed because of the Great Depression. From there, it headed to Washington

Hesston General Manager Ted Rita said that museum volunteers annually do inspections and “keep track of things on each of our locomotives.”



A Farmall tractor appears in the Parade of Power



Tractors big and small ride in the Parade of Power



Volunteers saw logs at the sawmill



Kids separate the chaff from the oat to harvest the wheat



Tractors ride in the Parade of Power



Museum general manager Ted Rita explains how to harvest wheat



The Shay pulls up at Hesston



John Deere tractors ride in the Parade of Power



Engines big and small ride in the Parade of Power



Kids learn how flour is made



The doubleheader of the HK Porter and the Shay



Steam powered vehicles were in the Parade of Power



Museum general manager Ted Rita demonstrates how flour is made



Steam powered engines were in the Parade of Power



Rick Weber stands beside his replica of the Tom Thumb locomotive



The Minneapolis rides in the Parade of Power



Holly Taylor works at the Electric Light Plant



Tractors ride in the Parade of Power



Machines big and small ride in the Parade of Power



Guests visit the flea market



A Rumley Oil Pull tractor rides in the Parade of Power

state, where it sat in a yard. It was almost scrapped; however, the Oregon Lumber Company needed a logging locomotive. It headed up to Oregon in 1935, where it was used to haul logs out of mountains.

Rita said the Shay arrived at Hesston in the late 1960s after being shipped through New

Shay and the 1911 Porter Steam Locomotive #2, which was also destroyed in the fire but was restored in 2019. The Porter was built by H.K. Porter Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and operated in Guatemala for several years before returning to the United State. Around 1965, Elliott Donnelley of R. R. Donnelly & Sons Company donated it to Hesston.

Rita said the volunteers' job to keep everything in the museum running efficiently extends beyond the museum's operating hours.

"Not only do our volunteers run the equipment in the daytime but then also in the evening we do work," he said, adding that they also work during the winter months.

"It's important for us to maintain our equipment to a high standard, so keeping those scopes of work and understanding what we need to do when to keep the safety factor up is important to us," Rita added.

The Hesston Steam and Power Show is presented by the LaPorte County Historical Steam Society, a not-for-profit organization/501c3 corporation.

Next up at Hesston is its Ghost Train event, which will run the last three weekends in October. A full listing of events can be found at www.hesston.org.

Buffalo on a railroad track.

"And then we restored it here in the '70s and in 1975, it was dedicated," he said.

In 1985, it burned in the museum's engine house fire. It sat there until it was restored in time for the museum's 50th anniversary, where it christened in 2005.

Throughout the weekend, guest could see a double header of the

Adam Bowen (left) and Michael Megyesi are ready for the school year



SCHOLASTICS

New Buffalo welcomes new superintendent, elementary school principal

NEW BISON LEADERS

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

To New Buffalo Area Schools Superintendent Adam Bowen, it feels “right” to be at the helm of the school district that he attended throughout his school years.

“It feels great to be in this spot in your hometown...I feel a lot of support not only from teachers but from the community as well and i think me having that relationship with people, it’s kind of a smooth transition, people feel comfortable talking to me because this is my 18th year now (in the district) and I’m kind of that face for the school,” he said.

After graduating from New Buffalo High School, Bowen graduated from Western Michigan University with an elementary education background and a minor in science and physical education. He then taught special education for fifth through eighth graders, who were emotionally

impaired, for one year in South Bend before returning to New Buffalo. At New Buffalo, he taught first and third grades while receiving his Master’s in educational leadership from Western. Bowen then moved on to Title One coordinator before becoming principal at New Buffalo Elementary School for six years.

In April, he was hired as superintendent. Bowen’s already kicked off his lengthy 90 day plan. He’s embarked on a listening tour that includes meeting with New Buffalo’s police chief and mayor, the township’s supervisor and the county undersheriff. Bowen said he asks everyone three questions: What are their three points of pride for New Buffalo Area Schools, what are the biggest challenges for the district and where do they see the district in the next three to five years. He said he hopes to formulate any recurring themes that he hears with regards to

points of pride into the district’s “Bison beliefs,” which will be part of a potential district strategic plan.

Student wellbeing is also a concern of Bowen’s. He’s purchased a program by school mental health speaker Tom Thelen, who will speak to families. Students will be taught Thelen’s curriculum. Bowen hopes to create an anti-bullying task force, which will include teachers, administrators and some school board members, that will “look at our programming and our messages to our kids at what antibullying things we have out there.”

This year, Bowen said that students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be engaged in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) curriculum. The media center at the elementary

school has been transformed into a Makerspace/STEAM area.

“They (students) are going to be posed with a problem and, through collaboration and design making, these kids will be able to design things, like name plates” (on a 3-D printer, he said).

Students will be working on Educational Development Plans (EDPs). Bowen said it would be ensured that students who are college bound can dual enrolled courses for college credit and that ones who are interested in technical education would be enrolled in Building Trades or another of the 43 similar programs that are offered through the county.

“We’re trying to find out what the kid’s interests are early, we’re trying to guide them on what kind of career they want to do and then setting them up for career pathways,” he said.

Safety is also high on Bowen's priority list. He hopes to implement the Single Wire program, where visitors' identification will be scanned along with their faces. The face will be linked with the identification and then go to the administrative assistant, Devinnie Wysocki, who can process a background check. The check runs through all the states, checking if the person is on a sexual predator's or terrorists' list or if they've been arrested. Anyone on the aforementioned high risk lists is immediately red flagged, with alerts sent to the administration and school resource officers. Those who visit the school would have their picture taken and wear a badge, which would also list where they're going in the building.

Increasing student enrollment is also a goal of Bowne's, as fliers will be sent out throughout the year telling "New Buffalo's story" and videos will be made.

Bowen hopes to welcome more students into the familial fold that is New Buffalo.

"When I say, 'Every student every day,' I really feel like everyone believes in that...They want to help every child out the best that they can," he said.

"Building strong relationships with our students and families" is New Buffalo Elementary School Principal Michael Megyesi's goal for this year.

"Anytime we have a new principal within a building, parents want to know who he is or who she is and start building that trust because they're sending their kids to be with you 180 days out of the calendar year and they want to make sure they're safe and in good hands and cared for as though they were the ones running the building," he said.

Megyesi received his bachelor's from Indiana University and then got two Master's degrees, one in administration and one in curriculum and education, from Ball State University. Currently, he's working on his doctorate in education.

Megyesi spent 20 years in education

throughout the region of Northwest Indiana. Before New Buffalo, he was principal for 12 years and assistant principal for three. Prior to that, he taught middle school and high school social studies.

New Buffalo is his sixth school district.

New Buffalo Middle School Principal Dan Caudle, who was a teacher for him at Chesterton Middle School, told him New Buffalo was "one of the best districts around."

"Everyone knows everybody and they're all for the kids...They have resources to make dreams a reality, they get some of the best teachers in the state of Michigan, it's just a great place," he said.

Megyesi wants to get to know everyone by implementing good outreach to families through a variety of platforms. This includes increasing social media outreach and starting a Youtube channel, "Little Bison News," as well as sending out desktop publishing documents as newsletter that include pictures and videos.

"Especially at the elementary level, we have to make sure our parents are in the know and so, the best way to communicate that is to put it out there," he said.

Megyesi's personal goal is for students to "want to come to school and have fun."

"I want that to be an experience they look back on and say, 'I had a great time,'" he said.

His own experience, as well as having a close knit relationship with Caudle and high school principal Tracy Ripley, will ensure students' jump from elementary school to middle school is smooth.

"Having been a middle school principal, I know what to expect, what they need to get to and also, Mr. Caudle and I work so well together it will just be a fluid transition from one building to the next and Tracy too...We feel we have a good principal leadership team – it just makes it that much easier to do what we need to do for the kids," he said.

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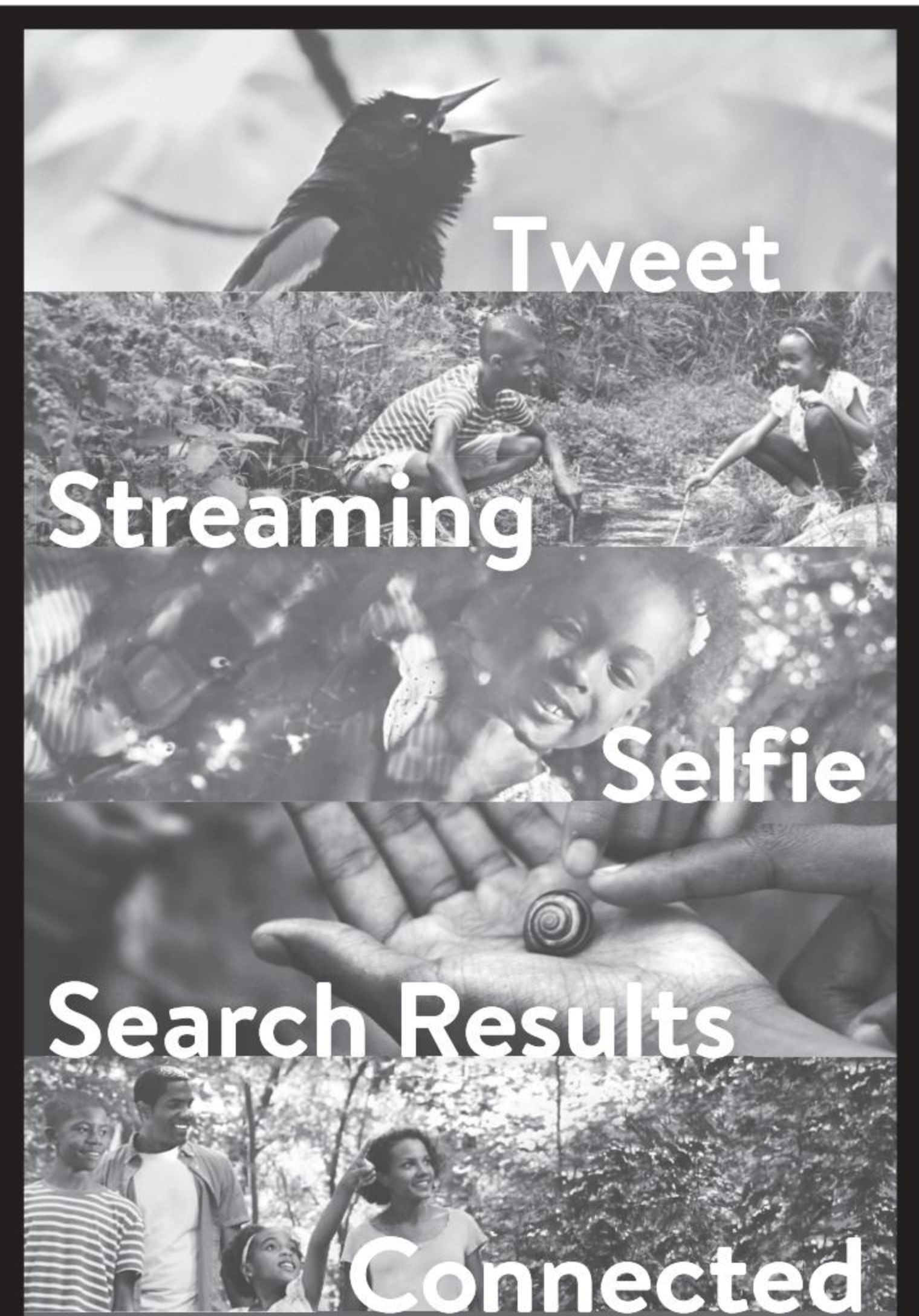
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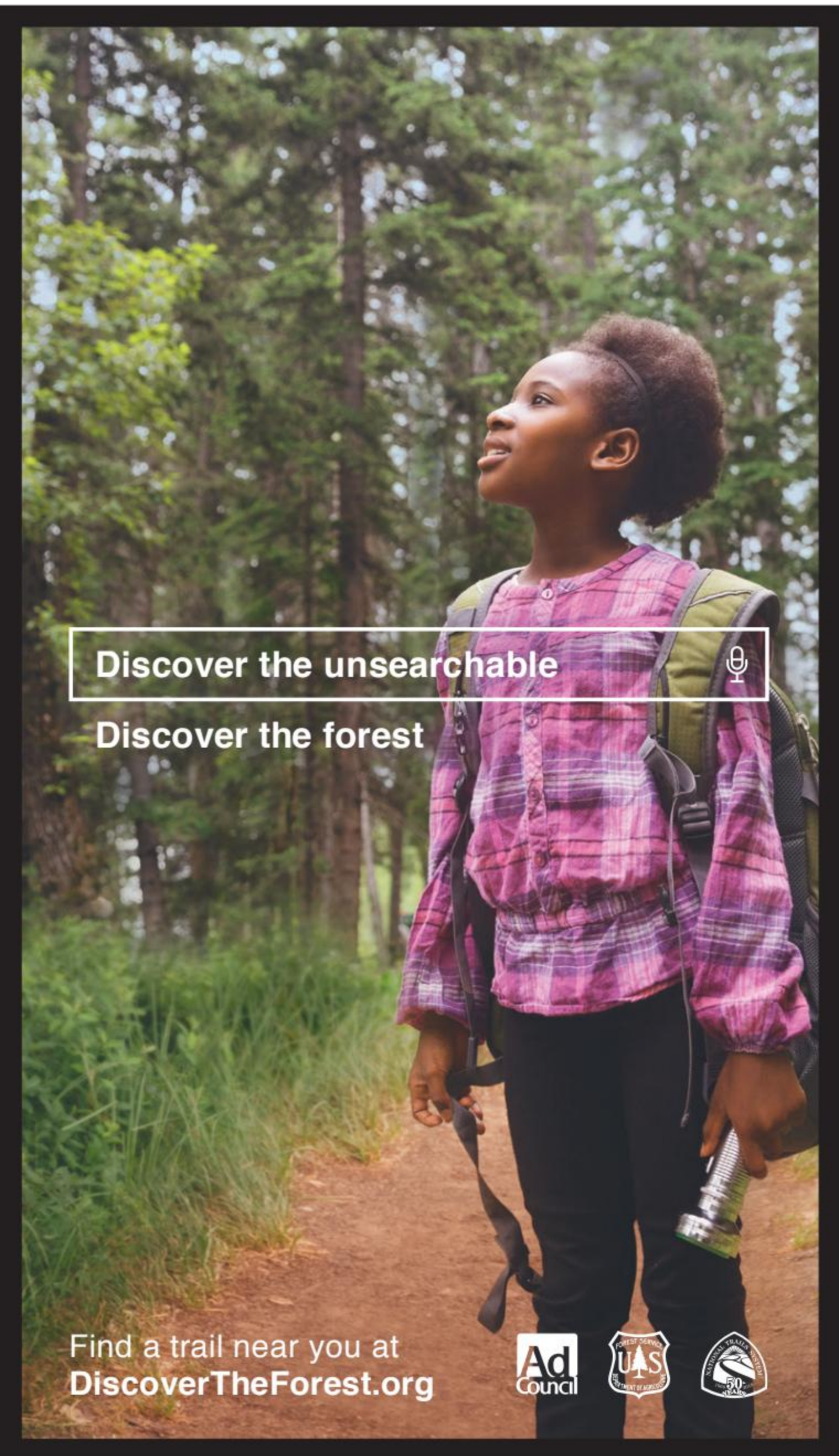
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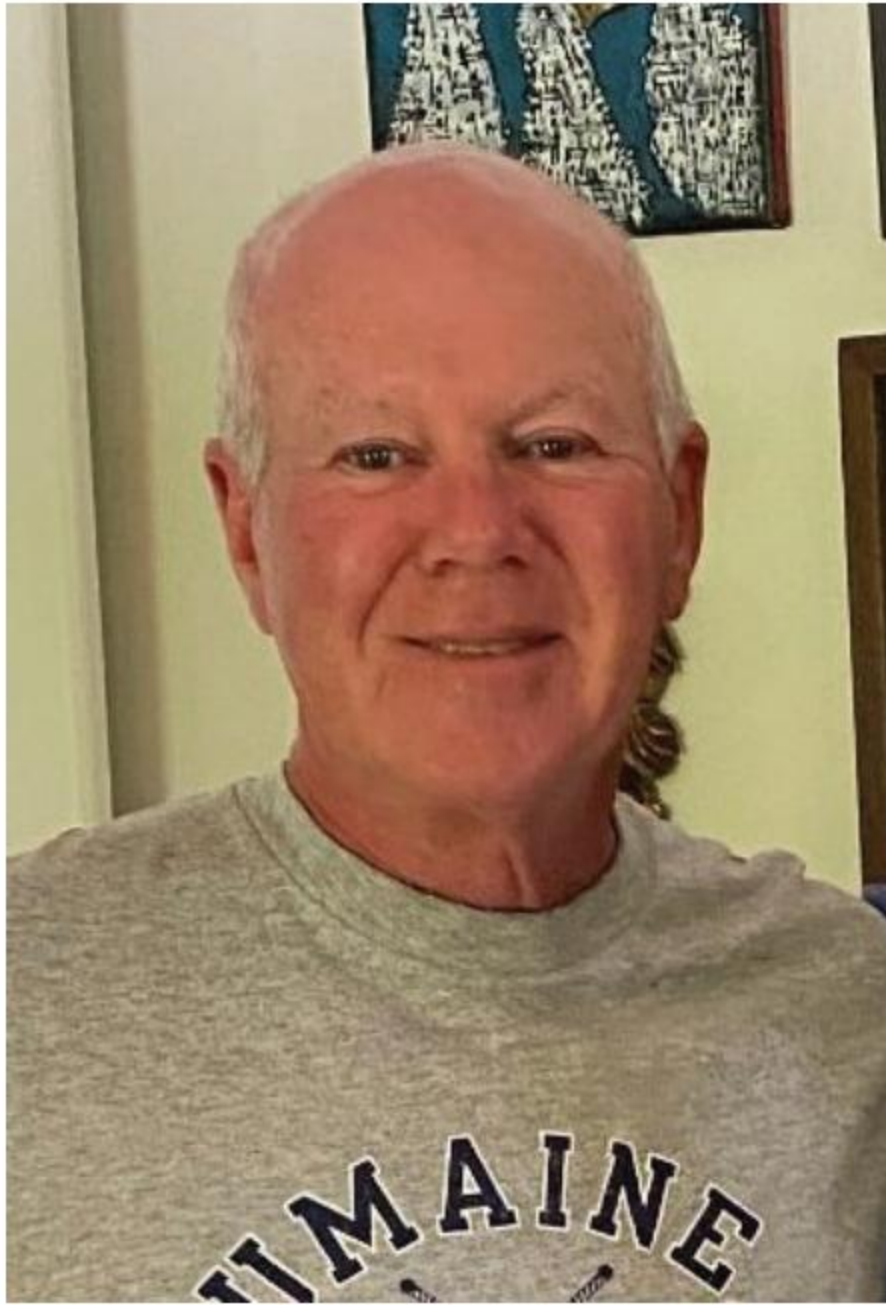
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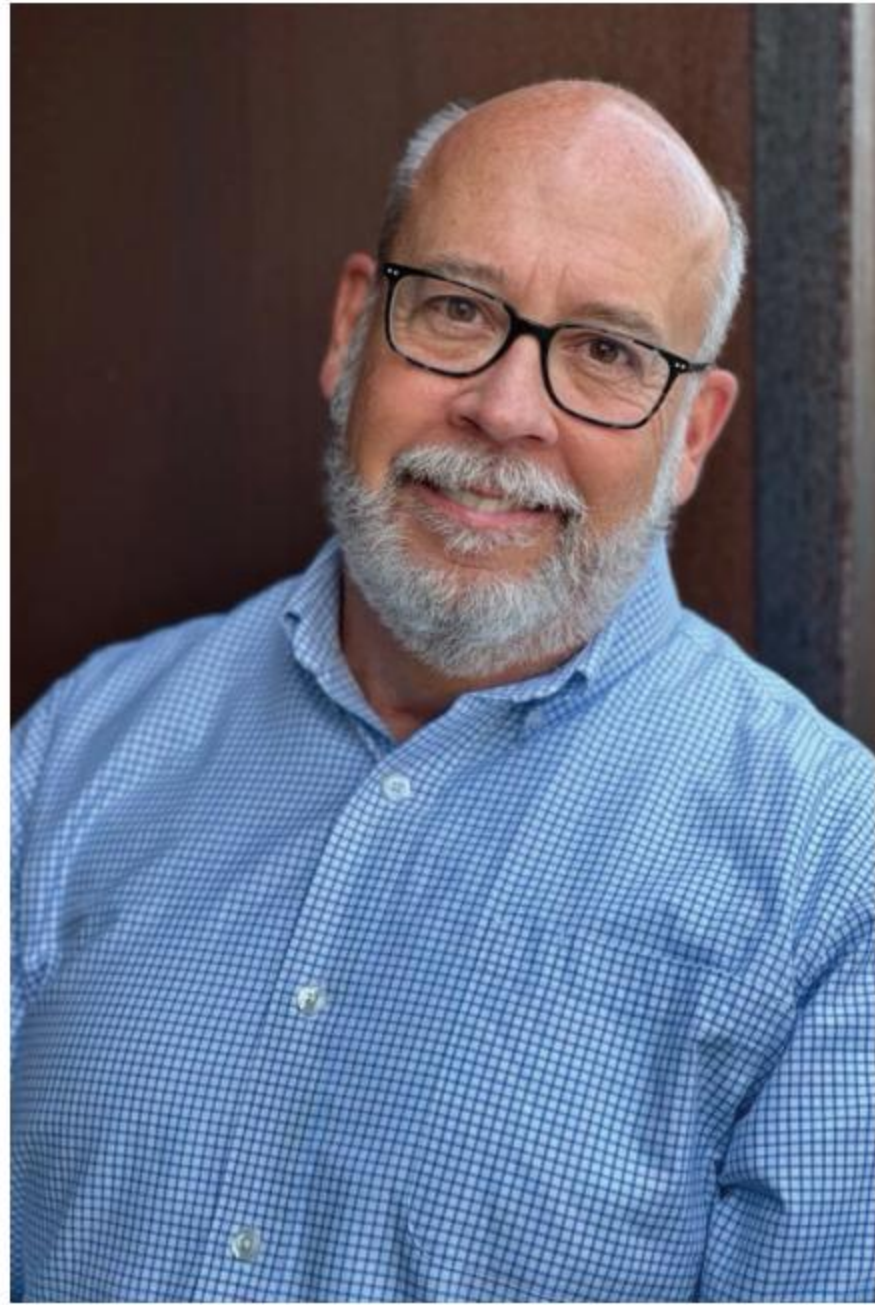
Denise Vanden Bussche



Hank Binswanger



Tom Flint



School of American Music announces new president, board members

At its recent 2023 annual meeting, the School of American Music elected Tom Flint to the position of board president.

Flint is a longtime resident of Three Oaks and currently serves on the Three Oaks Planning Commission and the Public Service Committee. He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Harbor Country. From Bigsby and Kruthers to Ralph Lauren, he worked managing teams in the retail world for 30 years.

“Tom has been a mainstay of the music school for years. He has been active in producing events and recruiting others to actively participate in the positive vision of the music school,” SAM Executive Director Donna Mitchell said.

Flint briefly outlined his agenda for the coming years at the School of American Music: “Working with educators to continue to develop our music program, which currently brings students to Three Oaks more than a thousand times a year for affordable music instruction; building new relationships and raising awareness within the community and with funders to ensure this vision for the coming years.”

The School of American Music

(SAM) also recently elected Denise Vanden Bussche, Hank Binswanger and Tom Parisi to its board of directors. Vanden Busche has been teaching piano for over 30 years, the last six of which have been with SAM. She is a frequent performer and accompanist. Binswanger is president of the board for Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan and formerly served on the Three Oaks Planning Commission. He has played drums since high school garage band days and still practices in his upstairs studio at home where he is the self-proclaimed king of 4/4 time. Parisi teaches guitar at the school, is professor emeritus at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana, and, before the pandemic, tour managed high school music performance groups on the east coast and Chicago.

The School of American Music is a non-profit organization that provides education, performance, and audience opportunities in music in the Southwest Michigan area. For more information about the school, visit the website www.schoolofamericanmusic.com.

— STAFF REPORTS

Friends of the New Buffalo Library begins 10th year of forums with Lubeznik Center Tour

The Friends of the New Buffalo Library will kick off its 10th year of Community Forum programs with a private, after-hours tour of the Lubeznik Center’s current “Vivian Maier: In Color” exhibit at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18.

The selection of Maier’s work was originally shown at the Chicago History Museum. Two years before her death in 2009, a Chicago storage facility auctioned the contents of Maier’s unit after she failed to pay her rent. Among the contents of that unit were upwards of 100,000 film negatives, more than 3,000 prints and rolls of undeveloped film and home movies. The photos included street scenes of Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, many taken while she was a nanny to Chicago North Shore families.

Some of those who acquired her work recognized their artistic merit and propelled Maier to posthumous fame with exhibits in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles and many foreign cities. She is now considered one of the great 20th century street photographers.

All are welcome at this event, and there is no cost to attend. The Lubeznik Center is located at 101 W. 2nd Street in Michigan City. — STAFF REPORTS

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19



The energy coming at you this week will help you to take charge of your habits and routines. This is great time to identify any weaknesses and to change them into positive qualities. Take this opportunity to find ways to improve your career and/or health rather than just worrying about them.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20



Your attention will be focused on children and partners as an opportunity to communicate hard to talk about subjects will open up. Try not to be overly direct or use abrasive language. Take a gentle approach but by all means state your intentions and be as honest as possible.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21



This is an excellent time to strengthen your connections with difficult family members as home and property issues will arise. Talking to your elder family members about what your family has been through could help you come to terms with current home life issues. Heritage appreciation week.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22



You will be getting a nice boost of energy this week. Giving you the ability to tackle the renovation projects you have been putting off since last year. Focus on creating a serene and safe environment away from your work and social life. Unexpected financial backing will also help.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22



There will be a renewal of sorts in your self-expression which will open up opportunities in your friendship sector. You will find that you have a lot more in common with someone than you thought you did and you will feel like it is easier to be yourself around them. Fun times and laughter ahead!

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22



By taking the risk of going solo or doing something really unusual you will inspire others to reach for their goals. Or just by sharing your experiences and the stories of your life you will unknowingly motivate people to step out of their comfort zone and reach for their dreams. Thank you.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22



This is good time to come to terms with the past and make peace with it rather than start something new. Reflect on what has happened and come to terms with how you feel about your past experiences then take the time to formulate and visualize what you would like to experience next.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21



Even though you are in a very social and outgoing energy you will feel the need to create some private moments just for two. You could easily turn a casual affair into a lasting relationship just by getting away from the crowd and talking one-on-one. Take the time to get to know someone more.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21



You are going to be busier at work than you think this week. Take your time to do a good job and go beyond expectations now because your reputation is being built. Keep any passionate or contrary views hidden and let any issues you have work out on their own rather than force resolutions.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19



It will be much easier to communicate with frustrating people and situations this week. You are feeling a bit more diplomatic and are not afraid to take responsibility for your part or communicate with superiors. Use this week to create harmony between people who are at odds.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



This is a good time for some self-evaluation and it is important that you understand your personal power and how you have been using it. If there is anything you find undesirable or that you feel unsure about channel this into a creative artistic expression and truly release any negativity.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20



Use these last few weeks of summer to get in touch with others. Seek out old friends and get adventurous. You may be surprised by how much fun those "old haunts" can bring as the nights get longer. Something from the past will resurface to bring about new joy. Old and new will unite.

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- 21 Abatement
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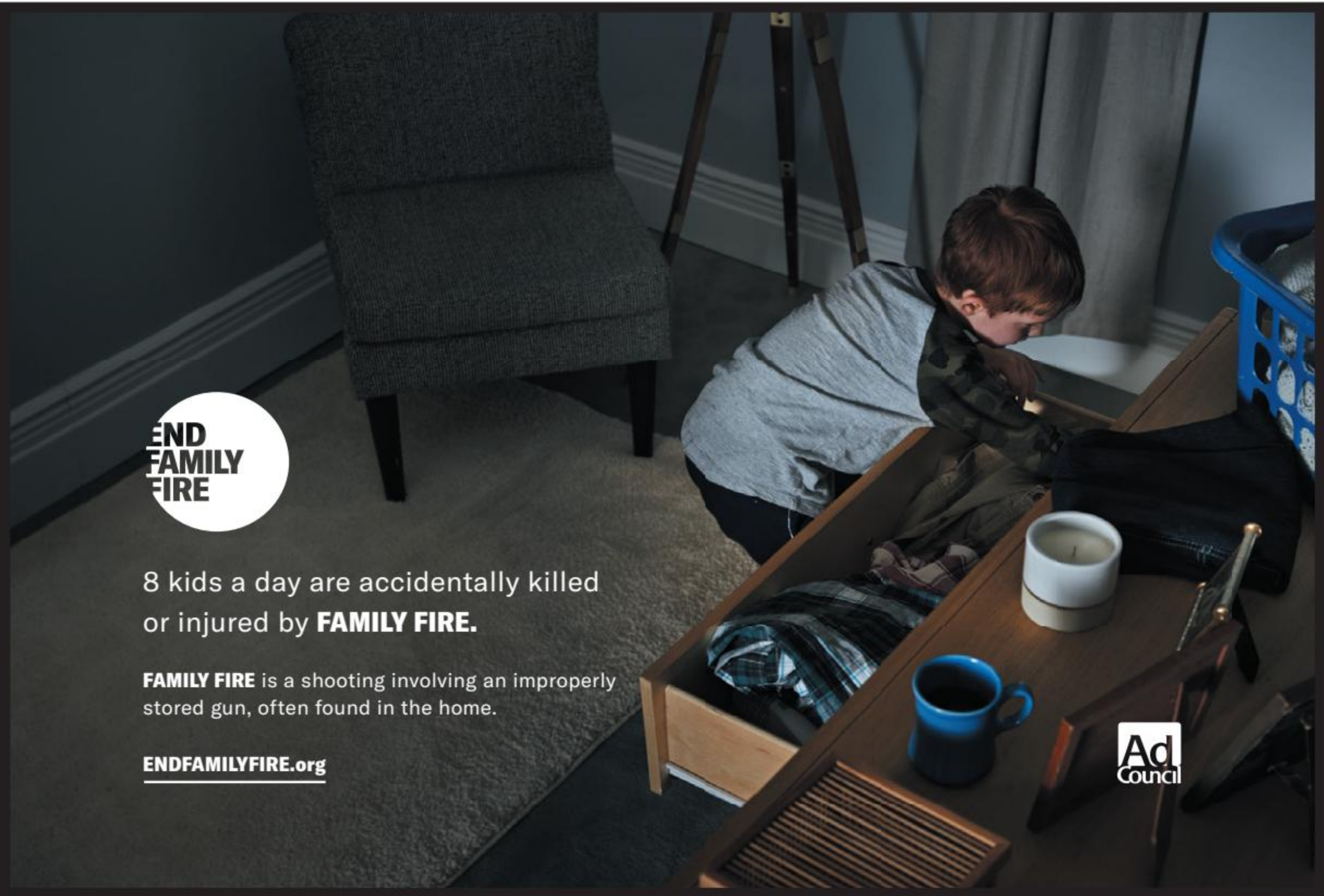
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- 10 Federal Trade Commission
- 13 Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)
- 15 Language (abbr.)
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- Mohammed
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- 30 Youngster
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- 50 Across (poet.)
- 52 Steps in ballet

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Police looking for half naked store thief

BY STAN MADDUX

La Porte County Police are investigating a shoplifting by a man completely naked from the waist down. Officers on Thursday, Aug. 31, were called to the Speedway station at U.S 35 and U.S. 20 near Michigan City. The store manager reported a man about 8:30 a.m. came in wearing only a t-shirt and left when asked to leave

without incident. About four hours later, though, police said the same man still without pants and underwear returned and grabbed a 12 pack of Twisted Tea from the cooler section of the store and left without paying for the alcoholic beverages. He was last seen pulling onto U.S. 20 in a silver colored SUV type vehicle, police said.

So far, no arrests have been reported. **T**he suspect was described as white, about 40 years of age and a regular customer. According to police, the image of the man inside the store was taken from surveillance video to help in the process of trying to identify him. The stolen item was valued at \$21.99.

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In praise of the artistic outsiders at ‘Outsiders Outside Art Show’

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Guests weren’t just hunting for any kind of art when they visited Judith Racht Art Gallery in Harbert during the 27th annual Outsiders Outside Art Fair Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-3. Art that is unique - that is of the whimsical variety – could be found on full display in the tents that covered the backyard of the art gallery. All of the paintings, woodcuts, sculptures, and fiber art was created by artists who use many non-traditional materials to make their art. While all the various pieces of artwork differed from one another, a commonality lay at the heart of each one that was on display during the show: It was created by an artist who has not been formally trained – hence the term “outsider artist.”



Guests admire the artwork from The Edge Gallery



Janine Fentiman stands by the India wedding enclosure she found in New Mexico



A view of the Judith Racht Art Gallery



Shireen Cline admires her birdhouse underneath the tent



Paul Hart stands beside his woodwork



Kevin Robinson stands beside his abstract woodwork



Artwork is on display from The Edge Gallery



Guests admire the artwork underneath the tent



Guests view artwork underneath the tent



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